

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Behavioral Health	(2) MEETING DATE 8/25/2015	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Star Graber 781-4759, Katie Grainger 781-4756	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve two (2) FY 2015-16 contracts, with the option to renew for one additional year, with JC Positive Inc. and Sowing Seeds Saving Souls Ministries in the amount not to exceed \$459,228 to provide sober living environment housing in collaboration with drug and alcohol treatment services. All Districts.			
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(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Federal, State, General Fund Support	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$459,228	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$459,228	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) OAR's 19001585 & 19001586		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Leslie Brown			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeff Hamm, Health Agency Director
Anne Robin, LMFT, Behavioral Health Administrator

DATE: 8/25/2015

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DISCUSSION

The Health Agency's Behavioral Health Department contracts with various sober living environments (SLEs) to provide safe and sober housing appropriate to the level of care necessary for individuals with severe drug and/or alcohol dependence. SLEs are safe and secure environments that provide residential supervision and basic care while working collaboratively with the Behavioral Health Department (BHD) staff to provide the substance use disorder treatment services at BHD facilities.

Clients residing in an SLE benefit from the structure and stability provided by the SLE. This helps them stay focused on their recovery efforts and avoid the negative aspects related to their addiction. Because each SLE has a limited number of beds available, the Department contracts with multiple facilities to ensure that placement options are available when and where needed. SLE clients must follow house guidelines designed to keep them focused on recovery. Clients may not bring drugs or alcohol in the home and must refrain from using drugs or alcohol for the duration of their stay. Sober living housing alone is not a solution to drug addiction, however, it can play a major role in helping the individual remain clean and sober. Combined with on-going treatment, peer and family support, many individuals in recovery from addiction are now living positive lifestyles free from drugs and alcohol.

In addition to the two new contracts being requested, there are (7) other SLE's providing housing services that were approved by your Board on June 14, 2014.

The two new contracts include Exhibit C. 4, which allows for the option to renew the contract for an additional one year term. In approving these two contracts, the Board is delegating authority to the Health Agency Director to renew these contracts without additional approval by your Board. Renewal of this agreement must be done in writing, approved by County Counsel, and be consistent with the limits described in Section 30 of Exhibit D.

The current active SLE contractors are licensed by CCAPP (California Consortium of Addiction Programs and Professionals) to be certified sober living providers in the State of California. The process to become a licensed SLE by CCAPP involves complying with local zoning and occupancy ordinances, adequate structure of the sober living home, including structured emergency evacuation procedures, keeping proper documentation and records, and having organized operations of the SLE including group meetings and NA/AA meetings as necessary. The oversight provided by both CCAPP and the County ensure that the SLE's are operating at the highest standard. The two new contracted SLE's will become CCAPP certified within the initial contract period.

A description of the contract providers is listed in the table below:

Provider Rate, Location(s) and Beds

Provider	Daily Bed Rate	Houses	Beds Available per Provider
JC Positive Inc. (new)	\$25.00	1 – Grover Beach 1 – TOTAL	13
Sowing Seeds Saving Souls Ministries (new)	\$30.00	1 – San Miguel 1 – TOTAL	8
Total	\$26.22 (avg.)	17	160 adults, plus kids

With the other seven renewing SLE contractors, the daily bed rate average comes to \$26.22, with a total of 17 houses and 160 adult beds, plus children. The two new contracts are 1 house each, 13 beds at JC Positive Inc., and 8 beds at Sowing Seeds Saving Souls Ministries.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

County Counsel has reviewed the contracts as to form and legal effect.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The FY 2015-16 Behavioral Health Adopted budget includes \$459,228 in adult SLE housing (see table below). The table below reflects the funding sources and amounts included in the budget for FY 2015-16 for adult SLE beds.

Funding Source	Funding Amount
AB 109	\$299,828
MIOCR Grant	\$42,400
Realignment 2011	\$8,000
General Fund Support	\$109,000
Total	\$459,228

Additional SLE housing funds in the amount of \$254,300 are budgeted for residential services to pregnant and parenting women and their children as well as SLE housing in conjunction with detox services provided by the Department. These additional SLE housing contracts have already been approved by the Board for FY 2015-16. Overall, the Department has \$713,528 included in the adopted FY 2015-16 budget for sober living housing.

The table below displays actual expenditures for last year, the estimated expenditures for the current year. JC Positive Inc. received funds in 2014-15 under a Purchase Order with the County.

Provider	Bed Day Rate	2014-15 Actual		2015-16 Projected Budget	
		Paid Bed Days	Cost	Paid Bed Days	Cost
JC Positive Inc.	\$25.00	412	\$10,305	3,640	\$91,000
Sowing Seeds Saving Souls Ministries	\$30.00	0	\$0	1,545	\$46,400
Other SLE's		15,646	\$391,216	16,178	\$576,128
Total	NA	16,085	\$402,196	21,363	\$713,528

The contract amount for the two providers is set at \$459,228 which is the budget for all adult sober living environments. However, the County will only compensate each provider for the actual services provided. By setting the contract value for each provider at the maximum dollar amount, the Department gains the flexibility to utilize a pool of providers during the year based on the needs and requirements of each client.

The Behavioral Health Department clinicians complete an initial referral of each client for SLE housing and then subsequent monthly referrals to the SLE manager. All SLE placements are monitored to ensure they are appropriate and necessary each month. Ongoing treatment, case management and individual therapy are provided by Behavioral Health Department staff while the clients are housed at the SLE facility. As the clients progress in their treatment and their financial circumstances improve, the clients are transitioned to self-pay in order to provide more opportunity to new clients in need of assistance. The gradual self-sufficiency payment plan for clients is outlined below:

There is a limit of six months of SLE payments per individual client with a graduated co-pay schedule wherein the client begins to make partial, increasing, self-payments. Generally,

1 – 3 months	100% County responsibility
4 months	75% County responsibility
5 months	50% County responsibility
6 months	25% County responsibility

After the six month maximum limit, the following are considered:

- Client is moved to different funding source (e.g. perinatal, general fund) if available
- Client pays the SLE costs on their own (100% self pay)
- Client signs a payment agreement retroactive prior to receiving their SSI settlement
- Client is discharged from the SLE with a safe and sober housing plan
- Extension beyond the six months limit for extenuating circumstances may be granted with Management (Drug and Alcohol Services Division Manager) approval.

RESULTS

On average, clients stayed 82 days per each individual stay at the SLE. Research has shown that a stay in SLE placement enhances the overall completion of treatment. A list of the average days in each SLE is listed below:

Provider	FY 2014-15 Estimate		
	Clients Served	Bed Days	Avg. Stay
JC Positive Inc. (new)	5	439	64
Sowing Seeds Saving Souls Ministries (new)	0	0	0
Captive Hearts	7	232	84
Casa Solana	22	1,723	90
Coastal Recovery	34	1,528	77

Gatehelp, dba Gryphon	104	6,623	98
House of Serenity	20	1,715	93
Middle House	4	112	68
Restoration House	42	3,713	84
Total	238	16,085	82

The Behavioral Health Department accepts responsibility for managing SLE placements in the most cost effective manner, while providing the most appropriate and comprehensive treatment option for the individual client. Providing the most appropriate services to the clients increases the probability of positive treatment outcomes. Furthermore, positive treatment outcomes contribute to the wider County vision of a healthy and safe community.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment A - JC Positive Inc. Contract
2. Attachment B - Sowing Seeds Saving Souls Ministries Contract